

"REPEAL PRICE OF BRITISH AID"

Exacted for Help in Mexican Situation, Declares Senator Jones.

ATTACKS THE PRESIDENT

Says Mr. Wilson's Address on Tolls Was Schoolmaster's Lecture to Young Pupils.

Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, an intense Republican partisan, attacked the President in the Senate yesterday. He complained that the Foreign Relations Committee had not reported his resolution calling on the President for information as to the protests by foreign governments on the tolls question.

Efforts to shut off Senator Jones failed. Senators Hoke Smith and Hitchcock raised points of order, but the Vice president overruled them, holding that a Senator once recognized may talk about "anything under the sun."

"The Democratic platform had approved this exemption," said Senator Jones, "the President had rejected in its passage. The representative of the British government practically had admitted in writing that we had the right to do it."

"Slowly, quietly, subtly, conditions changed. The Mexican situation became more gloomy. For some unaccountable reason, Huerta held on. In some way he continued in charge of the only organized government in Mexico. We would not recognize either faction or recognize the oligarchy of both. Governments that had recognized Huerta were getting impatient at our waiting policy. Visits to the White House of foreign ministers and agents, and especially England, became more and more frequent. Representatives of transcontinental railroads conferred with Cabinet officers."

Everything Else Forgotten.

"An Englishman was vainly murdered by the insurgents and immediately something was done. The administration's policy of one thing at a time was thrown to the winds. Trust problems were thrust aside. The newspapers suggested that England's aid in sustaining the Monroe doctrine, in disposing Huerta and in pacifying Mexico was to be secured by the repeal of the tolls exemption, and suddenly it was announced that the President had decided to appear again before Congress and urge its repeal."

Mr. Jones declared the President's address was a schoolmaster's lecture to pupils. He said the Senators marched "like obedient school boys through the corridors of this historic Capitol to the hall of instruction."

"We returned to our chamber," said Mr. Jones, "not wiser but sadder men. If it had not been so serious it would have been laughable. If it had not been humiliating it would have been ridiculous. Amusement displaced curiosity. Indignation supplanted acquiescence and shame overshadowed conscious integrity. Cannot Be Driven.

"The American people cannot be driven or scared to give up what they believe to be justly theirs. We don't want war. We want peace, but we don't want peace at the expense of our sovereignty over an inch of our territory. We want peace, but we won't buy it at the expense of our rights and our honor."

Complaining of the failure of the Senate committee to act on his resolution Senator Jones said:

"The committee is not going to report it. It will not be passed. You confess that there is no fact or condition that will justify the position of the President. If there was, you would be glad to present it. If it were passed and answered what would be shown? It would be shown that no nation on the face of

the earth has protested against our action exempting our coastwise ships from paying tolls except Great Britain, and that she practically admitted our right to do this, but feared we would not be able to enforce our law. It might show—I fear it would—that, taking advantage of the situation in which our diplomacy has involved us in relation to Mexico, she is exacting this as part of the price for her assistance in extricating ourselves from the embarrassments of our own making. "We will stand by the President in his treatment of the Mexican situation, but we won't buy England's assistance at any price or the assistance of any other nation."

ARMY CLUB BARS HARPER'S WEEKLY

Resents Attacks by Charles J. Post and Asserts Periodical Has Degenerated.

Harper's Weekly has been banished from the Army and Navy Club of New York by unanimous vote of the board of governors on account of a series of articles attacking the discipline of the United States army as administered by officers.

There were seven articles, beginning in February, and ending in the last number, written by Charles J. Post. Mr. Post is a cartoonist by profession, and has had some experience in National Guard organizations. Several friends had spoken to him about the alleged abuses in the army, and he also met men who had deserted on account of their dissatisfaction with conditions.

Mr. Post came to Washington and spent several weeks in examining records of the War Department. He maintained in the articles that 46,000 men had deserted the army of the United States in the last ten years.

Mr. Post had photographs taken of soldiers attending the various camp districts and also of military prisoners who had been put to work at various tasks on the reservations. The writer declared that officers often were not punished for offenses for which common soldiers had to pay a severe penalty.

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AMENDMENT AS GAUGE OF REPEAL

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appeal President Wilson is making for the passage of a repeal bill without entangling amendments.

Vote Will Be Close.

On the present line-up in the Senate, the President seems to have enough votes to beat any such amendment. It is admitted, however, that the vote would be uncomfortably close. Whether the President will be able to convince those who favor repeal with an amendment that the success of his foreign policy demands that he be left absolutely without instructions as to the question of arbitration or the construction of the treaty, is, of course, a matter for the administration lieutenants to settle before the voting commences.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the President to take some members of the Senate, possibly the foreign relations committee, into his confidence more fully as to what he had in mind when he wrote the concluding paragraph in his tolls message. Senators feel that they, as members of the body given co-ordinate responsibility by the Constitution for the handling of international affairs, should not be asked to vote in the dark on the tolls question.

While the President sympathizes with this feeling, he knows that practically it is impossible to take any considerable number of the Senate or any other group of men into his confidence and not have something "leak" that might jeopardize his entire international program. It is not meant to be implied that the President fears his confidence would be wilfully violated. But the very fact that he had communicated information of a delicate character to any considerable body of Senators, would give rise to conjectures and near truths which might be dangerously embarrassing. And the furnishing of such information to one or more Senators obviously would defeat its own purpose through the stirring up of resentment on the part of other members of the Senate.

Five Proposals Made.

A meeting of the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals has been called for next Tuesday by Senator O'Gorman. The committee now has before it five proposals touching on the canal tolls controversy. Senator Owen, a member of the committee, is the author of a flat repeal bill, a duplicate of the Sims bill, which the House passed Tuesday. Senators Lewis and Chilton have introduced resolutions authorizing the President to suspend or apply tolls as he deems wise. Senator Gallinger has a declaration of sentiment in favor of free tolls. The Norris amendment also goes before the Inter-oceanic Canals Committee. In addition, Senator Fordexter yesterday introduced a resolution ordering the repeal bill held in abeyance until the President shall have communicated to the Senate his reasons for urging its passage. This resolution goes to the Foreign Relations Committee, where it will be pigeon-holed.

Conjecture yesterday over the tolls controversy centered largely around the probable action of the Inter-oceanic Canals Committee. While there was some talk of a long delay, it is not believed more than ten days will be consumed in committee consideration of the various proposals. There are fourteen members on the committee. Seven of these, Senators O'Gorman, chairman, and Walsh, Borah, Bristow, Perkins, Crawford, and Thomas, are against repeal. Six members, Senators Thornton, Chilton, Owen, Simmons, Page, and Brandegee, are in favor of repeal. Senator Shields of Tennessee is doubtful. Senator Thomas, however, though opposed to the repeal, will vote in favor of making an early report on a bill which will bring the question squarely before the Senate. Senator Shields also will vote for an early report.

Two Majorities for Report.

This gives a majority of two in favor of a report. As the committee will be evenly divided on the main issue if Senator Shields sides with the administration forces, the best that can be expected from the committee is a report without recommendation. The worst to be expected is an adverse report by the majority and a strong minority report in favor of a flat repeal bill.

The length of debate in the Senate still remains extremely problematical. Estimates vary from two weeks to two months. Neither of these extremes seems justified, but the debate may run as long as five weeks if a strong bona fide public sentiment develops against the bill. Present reports from the country at large indicate a condition of apathy as far as the general public is concerned with the tolls question.

At present, with the country not yet authoritatively heard from, the vote promises to be, on the merits of the question, but dictated by questions of political expediency. This disposition promises a lengthy debate, but not so long as if a strong public sentiment and political expediency were on the same side in the controversy.

CLARK MAKES HIT AT HOME.

Tolls Speech Taken to Assure Speaker's Re-election to Congress.

Montgomery, Mo., April 1.—Cham Clark's speech opposing the repeal of Panama Canal tolls was well received in this, his home district. Instead of meaning his political death, it will more likely mean his return to Congress without opposition in his own party, according to politicians here.

Even Clark's critics here greatly admired his speech.

GIRL POISON WITNESS VANISHES.

New London, April 1.—The disappearance of Margaret Williams, chief witness in the poisoning case, in which John Joseph Hogan, the inventor and former Yale laboratory assistant, is implicated, created an air of mystery in the affair today. She claimed that cyanide of potassium was placed in her tea and Hogan was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

It was reported today that Miss Williams had gone to Washington and that the case against Hogan would be dropped. He is on the verge of nervous prostration as the result of the charge.

GEN. GORGAS BACK FROM RAND.

New York, April 1.—Bearing fresh honors, Surg. Gen. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., the man who cleaned up Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone, arrived home today on the liner Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Gen. Gorgas had gone to South Africa to tell the mining companies on the Rand how to stamp out an epidemic of pneumonia among the 45,000 employees. Oxford University conferred the degree of doctor of sciences upon him.

In the last twenty-five years the population of Germany has increased from 45,000,000 to 65,000,000.

"OUR NAVY PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY"

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt Takes a Fall Out of Knockers in and Out of the Service.

EXPERIMENTS PROVE OF VALUE

The United States navy is prepared for any emergency.

This assertion may surprise many in view of the oft-repeated statement that this branch of Uncle Sam's service is in no condition for war.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt made the assertion to a Herald reporter yesterday, and in doing so took a fall out of numerous knockers in and out of the service.

Of course, it was not expected and not asked that he should furnish details. Replying to a general question, he simply said:

"You may rest assured that the navy is prepared for anything."

Emphasizing the importance of battleships, the Assistant Secretary continued: "If we did not have a battleship fleet, in

an emergency we could not hope to do more than defend our own harbors—that is, those on this continent. We would soon lose control of the seas and with it all our foreign possessions, such as the Philippines. Also we would be unable to carry out our foreign policy."

Experiments which Secretary of the Navy Daniels originated to give officers and enlisted men more opportunity to develop their mental resources are working out very well, Mr. Roosevelt said. Sending officers to the War College is part of this plan. The Assistant Secretary pointed to the greatly increased number of naval enlistments as proof of the value of the experiments in the ranks.

WIFE BACK; DROPS SUIT.

Rockville, Md., April 1.—The habeas corpus case instituted by Henry C. W. Plummer, of Gaithersburg, against his father-in-law, Robert E. Kanode, for the restoration of his wife and three-year-old child, set for a hearing in the circuit court here yesterday afternoon, was dismissed by the plaintiff. It is understood the wife and child, who according to the petition filed, were unlawfully and forcibly detained at the Kanode home, returned to the home of the plaintiff, therefore rendering unnecessary further prosecution of the habeas corpus proceedings.

John Bunney, actor, of Pittsburgh, has had his face insured for \$50,000.

OFFICIALS ACCUSED BY ROCKVILLE JURY

Report Charges County and Public School Commissioners with Violating the Law.

Rockville, Md., April 1.—The grand jury for the March term of the Circuit Court for this county adjourned late this afternoon after having been in session fifteen days. The report had been awaited with interest, inasmuch as it was generally known that the grand jury had been investigating the boards of county commissioners and county public school commissioners, and those who expected some plain references to those two departments of the county government were not disappointed.

Not only did the report charge "reckless expenditure of money for road and school purposes," but it charged both of the boards with violating the law. The report further stated that the jury examined 127 witnesses and found twenty-one indictments, and that unsanitary conditions were found at the jail.

The report recommends the enactment of a law permitting each district in the county to elect its own commissioner.

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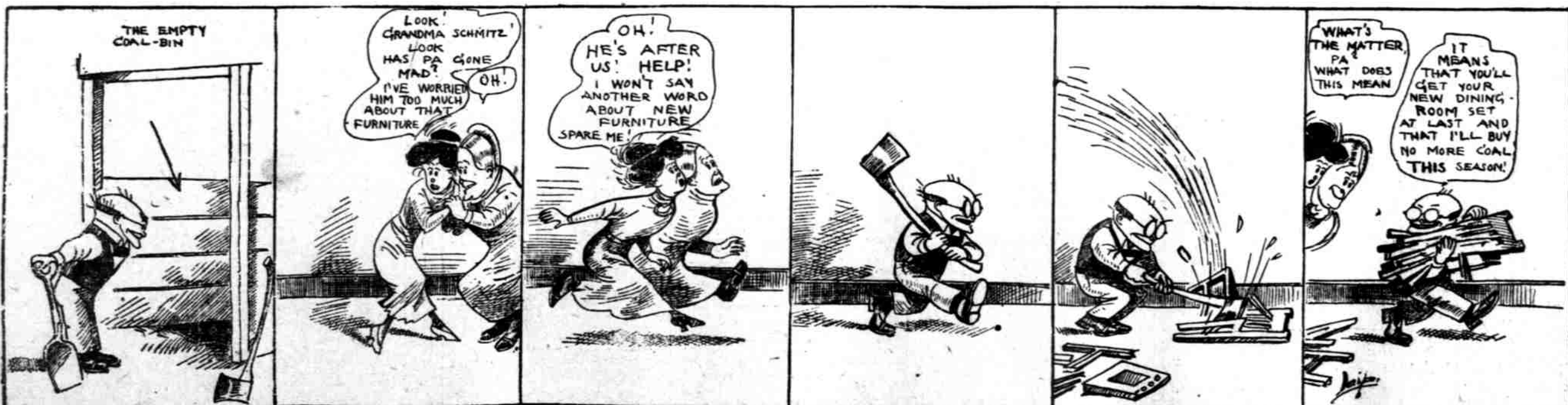
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